

Agrees With Nock

Albert J. Nock has completely justified his use of the term "Educable Elite." That there is such an elite we all know, and we know, too, that it is to be found among men and women in every "class" in society and all grades of so-called "education." I believe, too, that it is far more numerous than most of us believe. . .

It requires no "powerful" intellect to understand the Georgist philosophy of economic freedom, but it does require a clear mind, one that is not muddled with false concepts of economic relations. Among so-called "educated" people their reputed knowledge—their very mis-education—is often a fatal barrier against their absorption of economic truth. Therefore did Josh Billings sagely remark:

"It is better not to know so many things than to know so many things that ain't so."

Apropos of which is the reply which the late Willis J. Abbot made to me at the funeral of Henry George when I expressed regret that George had no college degree:

"My God, Mr. Bell, never say it. If Henry George had ever gone through a university, all that marvelous philosophy would have been educated out of him!"
—Stephen Bell, New Jersey.